

DISCOVERY

OF THE

T.RUE MOTHER

Of the PRETENDED

Prince of Wales

Known by the NAME of

MARY GREY.

To which is added,

A further DISCOVERY of the late
Conspiracy against His MAJESTIES
Sacred Person, and Government, &c.

*As laid before the KING, &c. And De-
posed to a Committee of Parliament.*

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TO HIS
HIGHNESS

THE

Duke of Gloucester

SIR,

FOR this Tender of my Duty to Your Highness, in a Publick Dedication, I can only make this Plea for my Presumption; viz. by telling You, that the Royal Blood that fills Your Rich Veins, and the whole concentring Hopes of three Kingdoms that wait Your Illustrious Birth, gave You a Court even in Your Cradle; whilst Addressers and Petitioners were Your Highness's earliest Train of Homagers.

The Restless Endeavours of Rome's too great, and consequently England's too little Friends, have not been wanting (for Religious Frenzy shrinks at nothing) in the most unaccountable Measures for carrying on their sinister Ambition, in the following Unnatural Imposture. But, as bad as such a vile Conspiracy may appear, 'tis but too reasonable to believe, that the same insatuated Zeal of Bigottry, that can so poorly descend to Commission Ruffians and Cut-throats, with Daggers and Musketoons; might as easily with the same stretch of Romish Conscience, stoop to as vile Artifices for a Heretick Exclusion, as a Heretick Assassination; of the two, the more Important Service to their Cause, and consequently their warmest Temptation.

And

The Dedication

And here, to joyn the Parallel of both these Romish Machinations; the World must look upon Your Highness, as beset round with Enemies, in (nay before) Your very Cradle: You had so far the Start of Great William's Danger and Deliverance, as to be that forward Aim of Romish Conspiracies, so early a Mark of their Indignation and Vengeance, as to be struck at even Unborn, a Blow level'd at the Cedar Root, before the Royal Syen sprung.

And now give me leave to joyn in the Universal Veneration, and Survey You in all the Perfections of a most Active and most promising Youth, the Morning Lustre of the Great Soul, those Paternal Sparks of GLORY, born with You, and so early 'hining from You, whilst Your Highness's young Martial Inclinations even point You out, as form'd by Nature, and design'd by Heaven, for no less then the HEROE: With a Mind so amply furnish'd for all the Noblest Impressions of true Honour; may the continued Smiles of Providence, so build upon that fair Foundation so lengthen out your happy Tears, to Your completing the great work of Your Creation, in all the Accomplishments of our Young British Alcides: And as You have already performed the First Herculean, though Infant-Labour, in strangling the Conspiring Snakes against You; so may You succeed our Great Nassau, till You arrive at the Last Labour too, viz. the supplying our Albion Atlas; which is the Prayer of

Your HIGHNESS,

Most Dutiful Servant

W. Fuller

T H E
True M O T H E R
 O F T H E
Pretended PRINCE of Wales,
DISCOVERED.

IN *May, Anno Dom. 1688* the Countess of Tyrconnel, (whose Zeal for the late King James's Cause and Service, is not unknown to the World) came from Ireland to England, in the *Mouth of Tath,* Capt. Wright Commander's who, besides her own Daughters and Servants that attended her hither, brought over *Two Gentlewomen*, both big with Child: The *First* of which, was about *Thirty Years* of Age, a lusty and healthful Countenanced Woman: The *Second* was a tall and slender Woman, darkish Hair'd, and something above *Twenty*: The *First* of these Women was brought to Bed at *St. Albans*, in her way to *London*: The *Second*, (whose Name was *Mrs. Grey*) was conveyed to *St. James's Palace*, and was Lodged in two private Rooms, over or within the *Lady Strickland's* Lodgings, in the *Narrow Gallery*, between the *Queen's Apartment*, and the great Chappel. In these Lodgings, this *Young Gentlewoman* was Delivered on *Sunday Morning*, the *Tenth* of *June* the same day, and but a little time before the late *Queen* pretended to be delivered of a *Prince of Wales*. About the latter end of *June*, this

this *Young Gentlewoman* was removed from those Lodgings to the Marchioness of *Powis's* Apartment, which was in the same Gallery; she being then Governess to the pretended *Prince of Wales*, and to whose Charge and Care this Lady was particularly Committed.

At that very time, was I in the Marchioness's Family; and, by her special Commands, daily and almost hourly attended the said *Young Gentlewoman*; being ordered to supply her with all Necessaries, and do all other Offices of Service, during her Continuance at *St. James's*; her present Indisposition requiring a more than ordinary Assiduity and Attendance upon her.

During her said continuance at *St. James's*, she was very little Visited by any Person, but the Marchioness herself, excepting some of her Women in proper Occasions of Female Nursery and Service: appearing by this, to be some more than ordinary Charge of the Marchioness's: She seemed very well contented with her Entertainment, and the Marchioness's Care and Adoption of her; and was hardly ever, or (at least) very seldom desirous to stir over the Threshold of her own Lodgings; excepting sometimes, that she express'd a desire, and (as I observ'd) with a particular Zeal and Delight to go and Visit the *Young Prince*, which was sometimes granted her; and whither I attended her by the Marchioness's Command, and waited on her back again. Amongst the general Devoirs that were then publicly pay'd to that young *Infant*, I remark, that nothing appeared so warmly fond as herself; and when (as a peculiar Favour) she was permitted to take him in her Arms, her Kisses and Embraces seemed more than usually Tender and Passionate.

About the middle of *July* following, when her Health and Strength were visibly improved, it was thought fit, by some Authority from Above, that she should be Transported into *France*, and accordingly one *Father Sabran*, and one *Mrs. Jones*, and my self, by Command, attended her to *Dever*, in order to her Voyage.

Before her Departure, I observ'd, that she seem'd mightily concern'd at her leaving *England*; and in my hearing, both before, and all the way to *Dever*, express'd a great deal of Trouble on that account, as compell'd to visit *France* much against her Inclination; which I the.

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the more wondrous at, as believing she was a Native of *Ireland*, and had not been two Months in this Kingdom. And before she took her leave of the Court, she desired to Pay her last Duty to the Queen, and here taking her farewell of the *Young Prince*, she betrayed that extraordinary Effeminate Weakness, that she melted into down right Tears.

When she arrived at *Dover*, she was met by one *Father Grey*, (her supposed Brother, or such he pretended himself) a *Secular Priest*, and an *Irish-man*, with whom she Embarked for *Calais*, in order to be conveyed to the *Convent* of *Benedictine Nuns* in *Paris*; she having been in a *Nunnery* in *Ireland*, sometime before she came for *England*.

After the New Happy Revolution, the Winter following, and King *James's* Abdication, I being at that time Servant to her Majesty in *France*, commended and prefer'd to her Majesty's Service, by my kind Patroness the Marchioness of *Powis*, and the late Queen reposing a peculiar Trust and Confidence in my Fidelity, from the Character she had received of me from the Marchioness, I proceed to let you know, That in *February* 1689, I being at *St. Germain*, (the late Queens Court in *France*) was one Sunday Night ordered to attend the Queen immediately, Her Majesty being, as was reported, indisposed, it seems with a Fright, which made her keep her Chamber) where I attending Her Commands, Her Majesty told me, I must immediately prepare to go to *England*, with some Letters to the Lord *Montgomery* and Others, about extraordinary Business. Her Majesty gave me her Letters; and that my Journey might not be in Vain, was pleas'd to tell me, *It was a matter that nearly concern'd the late King and her Self*: And lest in my Voyage to *England*, or at my Landing, I might meet with so strict a Search, as might oblige me to fling my Letters into the Sea, or some other way dispose them to conceal them from being taken; her Majesty thought fit to give me a Ring, which I was to deliver to the Lord *Montgomery* in *England*, by way of Credentials, for what I had to say to him by Word of Mouth, upon any unfortunate forementioned Misfortune of my Letter; and by that to tell him, "That the same Woman which came from *Ireland*, with the Lady *Tyrconnel*, in *May*, 1688, was stolen out of the *Nunnery* in

"in *Paris*, where she was kept, (there having been a breach in the Garden Wall) and that it was the Opinion of the *French Court*, that she had been assisted by some of the *Prince of Orange's* Friends in *Paris*, to make her said Escape from thence, in Order to come for *England*. The late Queen farther Commanded me to tell him, "That the *French King* had taken all possible care to prevent her going off; but that his Endeavours might prove Ineffectual, it was her desire, that immediately after my Arrival in *England*, the Lord *Montgomery* and Others, should take care to place People on the Coast of *England* that might inform them when she Landed; and then they were positively commanded to use all Endeavours to get her dispatcht, to prevent whatever Design she might pretend to

[Here the Reader may Observe, That the Queen was infinitely Zealous both for her Apprehension and Dispatch; and that must be some very threatening Fears they Convinced from this poor Woman's Escape, that could pull down all this Mortal Vengeance upon her Head. Nay, the Queen was so very solicitous for Executing the said Vengeance, that for fear of Failure, or Miscarriage of her Commands in Black and White, she trusted me with some part of the bloody Commission on that Account. 'Tis true, her Furious Zeal in this Case, did not directly tell me the very particular Crime this Offending Lady had committed, deserving Death; that part of my Intelligence into this Secret History, was my own Observation and Discovery.]

This was the Contents of the Queen's Letters, and what I had Orders to inform the Lord *Montgomery*, and Others of his Party, which the King, as a Token was to confirm. The late Queen gave me also another Letter to carry to Father *Petre*, who by the *French King's* Order was constrained to live privately at *Albeville*, a City between *Paris* and *Calais*: Accordingly I took Post, and came to *Albeville*, where I was forced to tarry six Hours before I could meet with Father *Petre*, to give him the *Queen's Letter*, which was to require him To go to *St. Omer*, to observe whether or no the Woman might come that Way, in order to her Embarking for *England*. Just as I came to my Inn, and was going to take Horse, there arrived one Mr. *Crane*, Gentleman-Usher to the Queen, from the *Queen's Court*, to order me to return with him

him to *St. Germain's* again, where we arriv'd the next Night; and then waiting on the *Queen*, she told me, *The lost Sheep was found at a private house in Paris*; and as I afterwards soon understood, was then in the same *Nunnery* again, under the care of the *Countess of Sussex* and others. But the next day following *Father Sabran* was to go in one of her *Majesties Coaches* to *Paris*, in order to bring the *Countess of Sussex* with the *Woman* to *St. Germain's*; and the *Queen* ordered me to accompany the said *Father Sabran*, which I did In the Coach the next day; and coming to the *Nunnery*, they continued there about an Hour and a half; and then the *Countess of Sussex*, with *Sabran* and my self, returned with the *Woman* to *St. Germain's*, where she was convey'd privately to the *Queens Back Stairs*, by *Father Sabran*; whilst I attend'd the *Lady Sussex*, who went in to acquaint the *Queen*, *That the Woman was come*; after which, by the *Queens* Command, I went to the *Back Stairs* to convey the *Woman* to the *Queen* in her *Bed Chamber*, where she continued with the *Queen*, the *Lady Powis*, the *Countess of Sussex*, and several others, above an Hour; and was afterwards convey'd down the *Back Stairs*, and cross the *Gallery* under the *Prince of Wales's Lodgings*, to a private Apartment belonging to the *Lady Powis*, where the said *Woman* continued a day or two. After which, the late *Queen*, with the whole *Court*, going to visit the *French King* at his *Court* at *Marli*, Three Miles from *St. Germain's*; in the same Evening, the said *Woman*, with the *Countess of Sussex*, *Father Sabran*, and my self, went in the *Princes Coach* with Six Horses to the same Place; and were there convey'd to a *Chamber* or *Room* belonging to the *Arch-Bishop of Paris*; where the *Woman*, *Sabran*, and my self, continued about half an Hour; whilst the *Countess of Sussex* went publickly to wait upon the *French King*, and the late *Queen*: Then the *Woman*, *Sabran*, and my self, were conducted by a *Priest*, a *Chaplain* of the *Arch-Bishops*, privately to the *French Kings's Back Stairs*: The *Woman* lamenting her Fate, which she said was occasioned by her last being in *England*; she grieved to that excess, that she fainted several times, before they could get her up the *Stairs* to the *French Kings's Apartment*, whither she was conducted by a *Jesuite*, and continued about half an Hour with the *French King*, and the

late Queen. During which time, I waited with Father *Sabran* at the bottom of the Stairs, till she came down with the Jesuite that conveyed her up; at which time she wept bitterly, and told Father *Sabran* and me, That now she must take her Everlasting Farewel of us: and so was carried away by the Jesuite, and never more seen or heard of, notwithstanding my most diligent Inquiry after her at all the *English, Scots* and *Irish* Nunneries in *Paris*, and other Places, where I had great Acquaintance, and where, led by my extraordinary Curiosity in this Affair, I was not a little inquisitive to learn, if possible, the Catastrophe of this unfortunate Gentlewoman; as indeed, I had been all along little other than a Spy upon her, and her concerns, relating to that Young Child. I confess, I had but small occasion of giving my self this needless trouble of making the aforesaid Inquiry. For Father *Sabran*, who I forgot to tell my Reader) was Chaplain to the Young Prince, and is now his Tutor. did frankly own to me the same Evening they left her, That he believed she would not be alive the day following, nor was it fit she should live. I might have rested satisfied with what *Sabran* told me, it being being undoubtedly too much of Truth: However, as it could not enter into my heart, to think it possible there should be such Inhuman Barbarity in the World, as to Murder a poor Woman in cold Blood, and that too by the Commands of Crowned Heads: my own good Nature in Tenderness for the poor Creature, inclined me to the said inquiry about her.

Besides my own knowledge in this Affair, there have been several Letters and Papers found in Mrs. *Labodier's* Fathers's Trunk, now still to be produced, Relating to this Gentlewoman; besides several corroborative Proofs from divers Persons of Quality of *Ireland*, and others, as also Capt. *Wright*, that brought her over from *Ireland*, and the other Capt. that carried her over into *France*, that are able to give a great Light into the Discovery of this *Grand Imposture*: Nor were the Managers of this Affair any ways wanting in providing of Two Big-Bellied Women together, that if One String failed the other might hit.

As for the Child, he is a very Brisk and Airy no ways Deformed in his Limbs, but a Ruddy Complexion, fair Hair, and Dark coloured brisk Eyes. He, when but Two Years Old, was a great lover of

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Musick, and could distinguish several particular Tunes when Played; he is a notable Fighter, and does not only bear his young Play Fellows on the least Distaste; But the *Dauphin of France*, going one Day to Kiss his Highness, and his *Watch or Irish* Blood being up, he gave the *Dauphin* a Blow on the Face with his Hand with all his Might. None dare cross him, he is so Refractory, that upon the least Occasion, he will hold in his Breath to that degree, that the *Queen* and all about him, have thought him really Dead.

As to my first Introduction to this Trust and Knowledge into the Affairs of the late Court. I must inform my Reader, That by Sir *John Burrows*, a Zealous *Roman Catholick*, and my particular Patron, and and the Marquess of *Powis*, (to whom by the Mother side, I had the Honour to be a little Related) I was preferred to be a *Page* to the Countess of *Melford*: From her Service, I was introduced into the Marquess's Family, and from thence, as before mentioned, I was advanced to the late *Queens* Service. And here to begin with my first Trust and Commands received from her said late Majesty.

The Sunday before *Christmas*, in the Year 1688. I Embark'd with the late King *James's Queen* her pretended Son the Prince of *Wales*, the Marchioness of *Powis*, the Lady *Sirickland*, Mrs *Labody*, and Count *De Laxon*, with several Others, in a Barge from *White-Hall*. And the next Day following, arrived at *Calais* in a *Tatch*, where the said *Queen* was received by the Governor and Garrison in Arms; and continued there Three Days; taking her Journey from thence to *Bulloign*, where she had an Express with the News of King *James's* being taken at *Feversham*, in *Kent*. On which occasion, I was immediately Dispatched for *England* with Letters to him, and came to his Majesty on a Sunday Morning, just as he was ready to take Coach for *White-Hall*, from whence I was sent with Letters back to *France* again the same Night and overtook the *Queen* Four Days before her Arrival at *St. Germans*, and continued there untill King *James's* Arrival; immediately after which, I was sent to *England* again with Letters from King *James*, to his Friends here; and arriving safely, I was soon ordered back to *France*, with the Answer in the like manner: And was Likewise sent betwixt *France* and *England* several other times, bringing Letters

not only so several Lords in *England*, but also for such of King *James's* Friends as were in *Scotland*, particularly the Lord *Vifcount Dundee*, and Commissions for several in Rebellion with him; and for Others, that promised to Joyn against the Prince of *Orange* on the first Opportunity: Also brought several Bills of Exchange, for Money to be Remitted to the said Lord *Dundee*, which was performed by the care of Mr. *Afhton*, the late King *James's* Queens Privy Purse. And during my continuance in *London*, I used daily to visit the Lords, and Others in the *Tower*; and, being young, passed freely to them unsuspected, carrying Letters to and from them, on all occasions, relating to King *James's* Affairs; and brought several Bills from them which was to be employed, by their appointment, for Lifting of Men in *England* for King *James's* Service, against a Descent from *France*, which was resolved on at the Court of *France*, and much Solicited for from *England*, it being the chief Subject of the Letters I carried to King *James* and the French King to intreat the Landing of Men in *England*, in several places particularly in the *North*; and that Five Thousand Men, some good Officers, with a Hundred Thousand Pound, and Thirty or Forty Thousand spare Arms would be sufficient to be sent, and to secure the Kingdom of *Scotland* with the Assistance of those in Arms against the Prince of *Orange*. For this the French Court was almost daily Solicited by Letters and great Promises from *England*; and all possible Provision was made on each side; the French having provided a great Fleet, and Men ready to make a Descent; whilst King *James's* Friends in *England* had according to the account they sent to *France*, Listed above Twenty Thousand Men in and about *London*, (January 1690. for this cause the Popes Nuncio's Chair-Man was Executed) and had provided great numbers of Horses and Foot-Accountrements, and Arms: and the like was done according to their utmost endeavours in most Counties and Shires in this Kingdom. Here I shall omit troubling you or my self with the manner of my coming to serve King *William*, since it's known to most intelligible Men: I propose to acquaint you, that having privately Discovered all I knew to His Majesty, the now Duke of *Breussbury*, then Secretary of State, and the Earl of *Rumney* & en Lord *Sidney*, and the Earl of *Portland*; I continued to go to *France*,

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as before, with Letters for King *James* his Queen, and the French Court, which Letters I always showed to King *William* before I went, or to one of the Lords before mentioned; as I did also the Answers at my Return. The last time of my coming from *France* was with Mr. *Crome*, at the beginning of *Summer*, in the year 1690. The French Fleet being then very numerous and ready to Sall, and all things in *England* and *Scotland* seemed in a posture to receive them, and a French Army on the other side, King *William* was almost ready to take Journey for the Reducing of *Ireland*. The said Mr. *Crome*, with my self was sent to *England* now with several Commissions from King *James* by the way of *France* from *Ireland*: The chief Commissions we brought, was for Levying a War against the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, and all such as resisted the Power and Authority of King *James*, and to Impower Persons to Seize and Imprison the Persons of the said Prince and Princess of *Orange*. By a Commission under the Great Seal, dated at *Dublin*, King *James* Authorized several Lords to Act as his Deputies, during his Absence. We likewise brought over several Commissions to constitute Commissioners of the Treasury, Impowering them to Raise and Collect Moneys on King *James*'s Account; as also several Commissions for Colonels of Regiments of Foot, and Horse.

By the way, permit me to inform my Reader, That in the above-mentioned Commission for Levying of War, King *James* did Command and Authorize his loving Subjects by force of Arms, to seize the Persons of the present King, and His Royal Consort, Queen *Mary* the Second, Alive, or Dead: And Three Months before I came last from *France*, Colonel *Parker* had undertaken to Shoot King *William*; for which Intent he came to *England*, and went into *Lancashire*, there to continue until the King came that way on his Journey for *Ireland*, that being the place proposed to Murder King *William* at. And to Advise in, there was many Letters sent to the Court of *France*, desiring that the French Fleet might Sall at, or near the time King *William* set out for *Ireland*.

At this last time, Mr. *Crome* and my self, brought over many Letters, containing full Instructions for the intended Designs, of Killing and Imprisoning their Majesties, King *William*, and Queen *Mary*, and for the Raising of the great Numbers of Men in several Places against them, for King *James* and the French Interest.

I will first give you a short Narrative of the Contents of a few of the Letters I carried to France, and so proceed to the Design before mentioned.

Several Letters I carried to, and brought from France, were made up as the Mould of a Button, and so work'd over with Silk, or Silver, and worn on my Cloaths: Others I brought over in the Pipes of Keys, and some writ Ob'scurely; which Writing was discovered by the Steam of a Compound of several Spirits, Metals and Sulphure boyl'd together, and made Liquid: the Writing was seen no longer than the said Steam was near the Paper on which it was Writ. Many of the Letters I carried to King James, his Queen, and the French Court, were from the chief of their Friends in England, and were full of great Promises, and large Encouragements to the French King: But his Gallick Majesty well observed, That whilst they were daily promising great Assistance to his Army, when they Landed in England, they were for the most part unwilling to part with any Money; but continually desired Supplies from France: Some in England, to my certain Knowledge, Writ to King James, to assure him that they had taken the Oaths to King William, on purpose to make themselves more able to serve King James's Interest, by delaying King William's Affairs in the Houses of Parliament: Of this, and part of which I had discovered to His Sacred Majesty King William, he was pleas'd to acquaint his Parliament in his Gracious Speech to both Houses a short time before he went for Ireland; Adding in his Speech at the same time, That he spoke it, to let them and his Enemies know, that he was not unacquainted with their Designs. Now to return to my last Coming from France with Mr. Crone, I having inform'd His Majesty of all I knew, Mr. Crone was seized, and sent Prisoner to the Tower, the rest of the Conspirators and their Designs being known, & narrowly observed, His Majesty went for Ireland, committing the Management to the Queen, and her Ministers of State: Yet, although the Jacobites, and the French Court were, Blessed be Almighty God, disappointed of the Kings being Kill'd on his Journey to Ireland, they continued to go on with their other Designs; Colonel Parker being also order'd for Ireland, to Kill His Majesty there; But the Government knowing their Intrigues, took care to secure this Kingdom

dom, by Raising the Militia, and securing of Conspirators before the French Fleet came on our Coast, as they did, and lay sometime expecting to hear of their Friends in England, being in Arms to receive them. At this time several Lords, and others were sent to the Tower, and others whose Intrigues were discovered, fled from Justice which occasioned several Proclamations to be published for apprehending them; and the Tower, and all the Goals in London and several others were filled with Conspirators. They finding their whole Design unravelled, and that I had discovered all I knew, and Mr. Crone was safe, and to be suddenly Tryed, which might make him Confess, they instantly got me poysoned, in hopes to have prevented Crone's Testimony but it pleasing Almighty God to restore me to my Health again, after Ten Weeks Sickness, I was able to come the Old Bailie, where Mr. Crone was Tryed, and Condemned for High Treason: He had several Reprives from time to time, on his Promise of making a full Confession; but as he was lingering it out, about Six Months after his Conviction, I Receiv'd a Letter at my Lodgings in the Pall mall, from the Earl of Melford; King James's Secretary, in which I was promised King James's Pardon, and all the Favour I could desire from him, and the Court of France, and Five Hundred Pounds down, if I would return to France, and Recant from what I had done: I carried this Letter to the King, who sent me to the Lord Chief Justice Holt, for his Advice, how far I might proceed by Law, thinking thereby to discover something more; but his Lordship and several others were of Opinion, that it was a Trick, purely to invalidate my Evidence: They still being apprehensive of Mr. Crone's Confession, which they knew must be so agreeable to my Informations, that the Heads of King James's Friends had been entirely at King William's Mercy: And this Matter highly concern'd the French Court; for, had Crone been just to Him that gave him his Life, there might have been but small Encouragement from England to the French long since; and consequently no Plotting now. They of King James's Party (as well has appeared to the Court) made it their Endeavour to have Crone Hang'd, to stop his Mouth; and that as I am well informed, occasioned his making almost a full Discovery: Though he went for France as soon as he was let out of Newgate, being in

ing red back with great Promises, as I before had been. I must thank him
 him for his Justice to me, in his last, and most Authentick Confession:
 He affirms on Oath, that all my Information was true; for the Confir-
 mation of this, I can appeal to any Member of Parliament that heard
 Mr. Crane's, or the Lord *Preslon's* Confessions Read, before the Ho-
 nourable House of Commons. After this, it may seem strange to some,
 how the House came to be so angry with me: I beg leave to inform such,
 That the *Jacobites* by Mr. Crane's going off, knew they had partly se-
 cured themselves from the just Power of the Law; but were yet con-
 cern'd, if possible to make the World believe, that they never had any
 Design against the Government. And who can blame them for being
 ashamed of such a Horrid, and Bloody Design, as they had then con-
 trived against the Government and their own Countrey, to Ruine both
 Church and State? To cover their Shame as much as may be, they
 had no way but to invalidate me: which they set about with all the
 Malice that the Devil, or Popish Principles could ingite them with;
 though for some time my faithful Service, and the King's large Promises
 of lasting Favours to me, was my Support; and had continu'd so, but
 that the Immaturity of my Judgement so easily impos'd upon, by Two
 Instructions sent by the French Court to accomplish my Ruine, viz.
Colonel Tho. Dallingh, and Mr. George Hayes: They were formerly
 my most intimate Acquaintance both in England, and at the Court at
 St. Germain; and were employ'd constantly 'twixt England and
 France on King James's Account, as I was: The First of these came to
 me at my Lodgings in *White-Hall*, and told me, He desired to come and
 Serve the Government, as I had done, provided I would intercede with
 the Queen for his Pardon, and make some Conditions, for his coming
 over Honourably. I acquainted the Queen of it immediately, the King
 being then in *Flanders*; Her Majesty, (whose Bounty extended to all,)
 did most Graciously promise to Write to the King about it; and, in the
 mean time, committed the Management of this Affair to the Care of His
 Grace, *John Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury*, (my very good Friend).
 But before the King's Answer came from *Flanders*, *Dallingh* received a
 Letter from the Earl of *Melfort*, requiring his Return immediately to St.
 Germain; which Letter he shew'd me, and I carried it to the Queen,
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who knowing *Melfort's* Hand, gave Orders, That Colonel *Dalleval* might go for *France* again, provided; that he engaged to Return when Her Majesty required him: All which he Swore, and promised most Solemly to do, and then went for *France* accordingly: Soon after his Arrival there, he sent me several Letters writ in Characters, promising to come to King *William* in *Flanders*; and desired me to meet him there. The Arch-Bishop and my self from time to time, acquainted Her Majesty of every Particular; and I was Commanded to go for *Flanders*, where I continued with the King Three Months on this Occasion, and Receiv'd Letters from Colonel *Dalleval* at *St. Germans* Twice every Week, during the time I was there; the Contents of which Letters prov'd very true, and of some Use at that time to the King's Affairs; but this was only a Snare, the more security to Ruin me to the Purpose: For, as soon as the King came to *England*, and the Parliament was Sitting, *Dalleval* writ to me, and Mr. *Hoyes* likewise, to have me get their Pardon, and Protection from the King and Parliament, promising they wou'd make great Discoveries, (which his Majesty knew they might, this being the Winter before the Second intended Invasion, when the Forces with the late King *James* lay at *La-hogue*, ready to Embark the latter end of *April* following, the Parliament having Addressed the King, to cause the Lord *Preston's*, and Mr. *Crone's* Confessions to be laid before them and theirs agreeing with mine, the Parliament made an humble Address to the King, to add to his Bounty to me; this did more inflame Mine and the Nations Enemies; and Colonel *Dalleval* and Mr. *Hoyes* sent me abundance of Letters, and great Promises of performing considerable Services for Their Majesties, and this Kingdoms Safety. At length I did Address the *House of Commons* in their Behalf, Desiring a Pardon and Passport may be given me Blank, for Two Gentlemen to come from beyond the Seas, and to Return it desired; The Honourable House granted my Request, on Condition I would engage for their Appearance, and performing what they promised at this time: Only their Majesties, and some of their most Honourable Privy Council knew these Mens Names that I engaged for, lest the *French* Court shou'd prevent their coming, (as my Credulity caus'd me to believe) I had the Protection of the Parliament for them, and a Pardon and Passport Signed by the King, and under the Great Seal; it was left

blank for me to fill up; and this I sent for *Flanders*, by a Messenger of my own, Recommended by some Members of Parliament: It proving very cold hard Weather in those parts, *Dellaval* and *Hayes* came to *Antwerp* sometime before my Messenger cou'd get there; so they went to *Offend*, and came from thence to *England*, having heard their Pardon had passed the Seals. The Messenger heard of them at *Antwerp*, and other places; and hearing they were come for *England* he returned: As soon as *Dellaval* and the other arrived, they sent one *Jones* to me with a Letter assuring me they were coming to the Town, and intended to Attend on the *House of Commons* the *Monday* following. I was extream joyful to hear of their Arrival, and immediately sent their Letter to the House, where the *Speaker* Read it; and *Monday* was appointed for Hearing them. At this Unhappy Time I was very dangerously Sick, and when *Monday* came, the Gentlemen were seen in the *Lobby*, whilst the House was at Prayers. But Prayers being ended, and they call'd for, they were vanished of a sudden, which occasioned the House to appoint a Committee to come to me, which they did, taking all my Papers, and Informations on Oath; *Anthony Bowyer*, Esquire, being Chair-man of the said Committee I gave them an Account, where Mr. *Hayes* had lodged formerly at a Papists in *Holborn*, but they were not to be found; which occasion'd on *Wednesday* the Twenty Fourth of *February* to pass a Vote against me, and to Address the King to order the *Attorney General* to prosecute me for engaging for these Men, and that they did not appear. Now King *James's* Friends had their Desite, and *Dellaval*, with the other having accomplish'd their Villanous Designs, return'd for *France*. I was brought to my Tryal, at my own Request, at the *Kings Bench*, at *Westminster*; and even then these Gentlemen, *Dellaval*, and *Hayes*, sent me several Letters to excuse themselves, and promised to come & Vindicate me. And it is most certain, That even to this time, they have continued to come frequently to *England* about King *James's* Business. When I was on my Tryal the *Attorney General*, now Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, and one of the Lord Justices of *England*, told the Judges and Jury, That I had performed very considerable Services to the Advantage and Security of the present Government, and had discharg'd my Duty honestly; but having engag'd for those Men, and they not ap-

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pearing, occasioned my Trial; on which I produced a Certificate, under the Hand of His Grace the Duke *Shrewsbury*, that by the King's Order, and his Encouragement, I was sent to France for the Service and Security of the present Government, as before-mentioned.

I also desired the Lord Chief Justice *Holt* to acquaint the Jury, (who were all Gentlemen of good Account) of what he knew one of His Majesty's most honourable Privy-Council. And, as Matter relating to the Letters I had, and the Pardons, and Money which was offered me to go back for France, all which his Lordship most justly and honourably declared: There was likewise a considerable number of Members of Parliament call'd; but the Men I engaged for, not appearing before the House, to certify them, I was found Guilty of a Misdemeanour against them.

Having thus shewed how far their Malice extended to me, I beg you will take Notice, how confidently King *James's* Friends can oppose any Truth that is against their Interest, as now their denying that the French Court, or King *James's* knew of the Design of Murdering King *William*; when the World cannot but remember that *Chevalier Gramval* was Executed in Flanders, for Endeavouring to shoot the KING; and that, at his Death, he confessed the Fact: And it was sufficiently prov'd, That Colonel *Parker* was engag'd with him; and that *Parker* had receiv'd Instructions from the Late King; and that both of them, with others, were Encouraged from time to time, by the French Ministers of State: Of this I first acquainted his Majesty, but it was further Discover'd at one of the *Confederate Prince's* Courts; who earnestly press'd his Majesty to Examine the Matter; and being done this *Gramval* was found Guilty, and Executed; tho' Colonel *Parker* made his Escape: Which may convince any thinking man, that from the first intended Invasion from France, that Court has studied Ways to kill King *William*, and his late Royal Consort, of ever-blessed Memory.

As for the intolerable Injuries that I have undergone, Time, and their own Devices have at last Demonstrated; tho' they spared for no Means, that might make me Obnoxious to all Good Men; I bless God, and must acknowledge the abundant Goodness of my Sovereign, for my Deliverance from their treacherous and base Villanies; and earnestly pray, that Almighty GOD will forgive them, as I most freely do.

Whoever shall peruse these Lines, and is not satisfied with the Truth of any Particular, I shall be ready to give any Demonstration, that is not too impertinent. And as I have mentioned the Names of several Great and Good Men, I dare refer any Person to them, for the Confirmation of the Truth of this Narrative.

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THrough the *Leakings* and *Discoveries* of the *Kingdom* (which the *other* *Mind*, or those that *willfully* think, too well of their *bad* Cause) will be apt, no doubt, to quarrel, and serve as what I have been assured concerning the Birth of this *darling* though weak *Hop*, the pretended *Prince of Wales*. However, more strongly to confirm what I have deliver'd, introductory to the more ample Description of that *damnable* imposture, the undoubted *spurious* Fountain, the *discreet* Original of this *supposititious* Birth from good Testimony and the Papers of *Mrs. Father*, will in due time be plainly made out, to the full Satisfaction of all Europe; and the one of all the *Jacobite* Conspirators in that wretched Conivance.

The foregoing General and succinct Account of my Correspondence and Interest in the late Court, and here Affairs, together with the hard Measures I received, in Return for my well-meaning honest Endeavours to serve the King and the Nation: I shall only add a few remarks on the further Subtilties and Artifices of the *Jacobites*. That certainly never was there a more cunning Reach of Policy, nor a Popish Misrepresentation more Actually managed, to the rendering of Truth Suspected, Innocence Expas'd, and Integrity Ridicul'd, than by those Hypocritical Friends of mine, the foremen-tion'd *Defence* and *Hayes*; who, by a Master-piece of Villany against me, could work with me, only to blow me up, viz. when the foremen-tion'd *Letters* and Correspondence with me, together with their many fair Promises of Serving the King and *Country*, in joining in my Discovery; as C. their Publick Appearance in the *Lobby* and other Places, to strengthen my too easie Credulity. &c. were all but Popish Juggle and Trick, to give them Opportunity to vanish off invisible; and by the Sunk of their own Cloven Feet they left behind them, utterly to blast the whole Credit of a II had said, or could say, to expose the King to their own misnomous Conspiracies, by *silencing* whatever Truth should pretend to speak, for his Preservation and Deliverance.

And, as to the Veracity of my Informations and Depositions, though render'd by the afore-said Misrepresentation to be discredit'd by the Government, the happy Detection of the late horrid Plot has fully and amply clear'd the unjust Aspersions and false Imputations against me, when their Designs are so manifestly proved to be built upon the same Bottom, and managed by the very same Persons, the same Conspiring hands I then Discover'd, &c.

For a clear Demonstration of the unquestion'd Truth of my Discovery, I shall only instance one Particular, viz. in the Matter of *Gravel's* and *Parker's* Assassinations: 'Tis known to Mr. *William Killgrew*, and (if required) will be attested by him, That he saw my Papers drawn up, concerning *Cavalier Gravel's* Assassination, &c. and was by, when I deliver'd them to the King's own hand, and heard me tell his Majesty part of the Contents; and which Papers, I desire my Reader to observe, were given to his Majesty in the Winter before his then sitting out for *Flankers*, before the intended Execution of the said Horrid Design; his Majesty's timely warning and Caution being receiv'd from my Information and Intelligence.

I must conclude, with *Sorrow* unspeakable, that the unkind Usage I met with, Expos'd me to some *Great Distress* (which my *Good* *Whores*) as the ruling in Debt for necessary Substante, being sometimes hardly allow'd Bread when I was about his Majesty's Service. Therefore, whoever shall presume to Charge the Government with keeping me in constant Pay, for a Spy or *Whore*, as was practis'd in the former Reign, does them much Injury.

But my *Wrong* being now plainly demonstrat'd, I hope none will reflect upon the Justice of the Government, in providing for me, that I may have a poor Maintenance, and be able to render to every one their just Due; which is my hearty Desire.

Lastly, As to my no earlier publication of these papers, I have only this to say, That the Disposition I to long remain'd under till now, deriv'd me from appearing in Prior, as having the prejudice of a Nation against me; and which, I well knew, would have render'd the whole Truth I had to speak, but to much Breath against the Wind. 'Tis true, I might have publish'd these Papers some few Months sooner, had I not then been then Commanded to Sea in his Majesty's Service, in order to my Approaching several suspected persons concern'd in this present Plot; which gave me neither that Leisure nor Opportunity.

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